

Lanesborough 250th Anniversary

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165-page book 250 Years Blessed by Nature available in July.

Passports: Beginning 5/1 visitors may purchase for \$5, Lanesborough 250th Passports at 5-6 locations in town. Passports have artist's map of town, historic tour and special recreational sites, allow free admission to events, show which businesses--diners, pubs, golf, stores offer 250th 10% discounts.

Events:

- Kick-off for Town History Tour — Free; maps at Town Library. **5/3, 2:00-4:00**
- Memorial Day Parade -- Free; Olde Forge Restaurant on Rt. 7. **5/24, noon**
- History Walk — Free; Greylock Visitors Cntr; visit old Stone School. **6/14, 2:00**
- Concert—Neighbor-to-Neighbor, local acoustic musicians, Free; Old Stone Church. **7/12, 3:00**
- Town Picnic—Free; Eagles Band, tug-of-war, kick-ball, good food — Laston Park. **7/19, 11:00-3:00**
- Mohican history stories; ice cream—Free; Town Library. **7/26, 1:00**
- Block Dance — Laston Park; requires entry fee. **8/8, 7:00**
- Pontoosuc Flotilla — Free; special viewing from Rt. 7; Matt Reilly's. **8/9, 11:00**
- Constitution Hill hike and ice cream social — Free; Town Library, **9/13, 1:00**
- 250th Wrap-up at Berkshire Mall— Free; music, food, meet visiting dignitaries, 250th Passport heroes, and legendary Josh Billings. **10/18, 4:00-7:00**

Recreation Opportunities (numbers and letters are coordinates for the 1765-2015 Lanesborough Map):

- Bike or walk the Rail Trail 7/8 C-J
- Good food and snacks 3-E, H, I, J; 4-D; 7/8-I; 8-E
- Ride a horse 5-C
- Hike Constitution Hill 1-E
- A movie at Laston Park 3-E
- Boat on Pontoosuc Lake 2-J
- Kickball at Town Picnic 3-E
- Enjoy great ice cream 3/4-I/J
- Ski at Jiminy Peak 1-C/D
- Fish in Town Brook 3-H, 4-C
- Find four old stone buildings 2/3-A; 4-D;; 3-F; 5/6-C
- Ice-skate on a lake 2-J, 7/8-F
- Enjoy good beer 8-I; 3-J; 3-E
- Treetops at Ramblewild 1/2-B

- Visit the library 3-E/F
- Be in Memorial Day Parade 3-E TO H
- Golf, drive balls, putt 3/4-I; 4-H/I; 2/3-A
- Swim at town beach 3/2-I
- Sled on a good hill 4-G/H; 1-C, 6-B
- Use a playground 4-G/H; 2-I; 3-E; 8-E/F
- Walk a dog, Route 7 sidewalks; Rail Trail 3-F/G; playgrounds 4-D, 5/6-H
- Buy fresh farm produce 3-F/G; 4-D; 5/6-H; 6/7-E/F; 7-J; 8-E/F
- Touch Balance Rock 1-H
- Find a big cave 1-E
- Shop the Berkshire Mall 6/7-I/J
- Do the history tour (list here or Town Library)
- Find famous graves: Wm. Bradley, Josh Billings, Jonathan Smith 3-D/E; 3/4-H; 3/4-H
- Go to Mt. Greylock Visitor Center 6-B
- Find 10 signs with Josh sayings AROUND TOWN
- Fuel-up before you leave 3-E; 3/4-I/J

History Tour:

1. Balance Rock—400 ton boulder, moved here by glaciers 1-H
2. Constitution Hill--Bonfire in 1888 signaled ratification of Constitution after Jonathan Smith's famous speech. 1-E
3. Stone School—1832, Ephraim Bradley gift. 5/6-C
4. St. Luke's Stone Church—built 1836 in geographica center of town. 3/4-D
5. Registry of Deeds--built 1827. 3/4-F
6. Donnybrook--1830 stone farmhouse. 2/3-A
7. Berkshire Glassworks—source for Tiffany's glass 7/8-G
8. Union Chapel, 1887 7/8-G
9. Pontoosuc Lake—Headwaters, Housatonic River. 2-I/J
10. Laston Park—former Sunset drive-in movie theatre. 2/3-E
11. Pettibone Cemetery—graves of 20 early Lanesborough citizens. 6-E
12. Pettibone House—Natl. Register, Historic Places. 7-D
13. Center Cemetery—Jonathan Smith, Josh Billings. 3/4-H
14. Bradley Farm—William Bradley settled 1762. 4-D
15. Mt. Greylock Visitor Ctr.— beautiful view; info. about trails and history. 6-B
16. Talcott Cemetery—William Bradley buried here. 3-D/E
17. Berkshire Village school--1871-1872. 7/8-G/H
18. King Elmer, champion elm, 250 yrs. old, 111' tall. 4-G
19. Fletcher Farm—c. 1810 farmhouse 6/7-E/F
20. Old Rectory—home to pastors of Baptist Church. 3/4-G

Full histories of these sites available at Town Librar7

[Preview attachment MapHD.jpg](#)

